



Wildland fire management and business practices will change as a result of FPA-PM implementation. It will be necessary to proceed cautiously with programmatic shifts over the next several years until the full scope of the FPA workload is analyzed for all levels of the fire organization. For more information call Venetia Gempler 208-947-3786 or visit <http://fpa.nifc.gov>

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Fire Program Analysis (FPA)

is a new system designed to help wildland fire managers plan and budget a common interagency fire management program at landscape scale. FPA will display how different fire management budgets effectively support land management goals and objectives.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Visit <http://fpa.nifc.gov>.

The current site is designed around Phase I of FPA. It is experiencing some growing pains. Eventually, the new design will be organized to ease information sharing and link to the user application. **Stay Tuned!**

■ **The Complete Picture.** The total fire management workload will not be fully identified until all phases and components of FPA are completed. To ensure a smooth conversion from current systems to Phase I FPA-PM, an interagency transition plan is being developed. It will provide a strategy to integrate the new FPA programs and budgets within the agencies' existing systems. A key feature of the transition plan will be to illustrate how FPA-PM will function at all management levels (FPUs, Regional/State and National). Phase I, the "Preparedness Module" includes initial response levels for wildland fire use and initial attack.

Small units which currently receive less than \$25,000 of **total fire funding** will not be required to run FPA-PM. This dollar threshold will be further refined as we implement Phase I. Until then, the cutoff figure is \$25,000.

■ **FPA Training Begins.** This fall, FPA is offering training for FPA-HA (Historical Analysis) and FPA-PM (Preparedness Module). Nominations for both courses have been prioritized by the FPA Geographic Area Leads to provide agency management oversight for Fire Planning Units (FPUs) within each Geographic Area.

■ **How were the FPUs prioritized?** Interagency Geographic Area FPA groups prioritized all their FPUs. Priority FPUs will receive FPA-PM training in the fall of 2004. The considerations for selection priority included:

- FPUs with established interagency planning relationships which represent significant workload within the geographic area.
- FPUs with completed fire management plans and developed data and processes for implementing FPA.

Each **Implementation Coordination Group (ICG)** member will coordinate with their respective FPA Geographic Area Lead to prioritize nominations for the limited number of seats available for training. Class size for both the FPA-HA and FPA-PM courses is limited to 40 students per session.

The Different Faces of FPA

The Core Team

is an interagency group incorporating wildland fire management concepts, goals and objectives into the design of FPA modules. They interface with IBM on developing the analysis software for Phase I.

The Implementation Coordination Group (ICG)

is an interagency group that is developing an implementation and training plan for the first phase of FPA and subsequent modules.

The **Steering Committee** manages the project and provides guidance and direction.

- Steve Botti,
National Park Service
- Lyle Carlile,
Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Aden Seidlitz and Andy Smith,
Bureau of Land Management
- Brian McManus and Roger Spaulding, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Buck Latapie and Steve Pedigo,
U.S. Forest Service

The four FPA Prototype Areas (Alaska, Central Oregon, Southern Sierra, Mississippi) and agency Regional, State and National fire planners will form the mentoring and system support staff for FPA implementation, and instructor development for future training delivery.

■ **Final Student Selections** will be made by the ICG based on FPU priorities identified by the Geographic Areas. Students selected will be notified directly. Students will be listed on the FPA website when they become available.

■ FPA-HA Training Dates and Locations

September 13	Sacramento, CA	The geographic area prioritization process for nominations for FPA-HA training was completed August 16, 2004. Student notification for the FPA-HA sessions is ongoing.
September 20	Shepardstown, WV	
October 4	Tucson, AZ	
October 18	Boise, ID	
November 15	Boise, ID	

■ FPA-PM Training Dates and Locations

October 4	Tucson, AZ	The geographic area prioritization process for nominations for FPA-PM training should be completed by September 10, 2004. Student notification for the FPA-PM sessions will be completed by September 17, 2004.
October 25	Sacramento, CA	
November 1	Tucson, AZ	
November 15	Boise, ID	
November 29	Tucson, AZ	
December ?	Boise, ID	

■ **Initial Run of FPA-PM Analysis.** FPA-PM analysis will be run on the highest priority FPUs representing approximately 60 percent of the federal fire planning initial response workload. Outcomes generated from FPA-PM will be the basis for Fiscal Year 2007 budget justifications for those FPUs.

Those FPUs that do not run FPA-PM prior to March 2005 will submit budget information based on existing budget modeling data (i.e., data from IIAA, FirePro, and FireBase).

■ **Additional Phase I Training.** The remaining FPUs will receive FPA training between March, 2005 and March, 2006. FPA-PM data outputs from these remaining FPUs will provide the basis for Fiscal Year 2008 budget justifications.

■ **Phase II Planning Underway.** Preliminary planning for Phase II began in 2004. Design and build of Phase II will occur over the next several years and will include extended attack, large fire support, prevention/education, fuels, and emergency stabilization and rehabilitation. Field unit implementation of Phase II is not anticipated to begin prior to 2007.

